

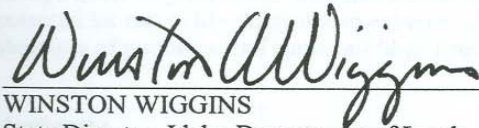
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Purpose

The purpose of fire restrictions is to reduce the risk of human-caused fires during unusually high fire danger and/or burning conditions.

Emergency closures have an extreme impact on the public and fire agencies and are discouraged except under the most severe conditions. Closures should be implemented only in situations where the public's safety cannot be guaranteed. Closures are not justified by fire danger alone, but should be driven by the potential for risk to life safety due to extreme fire behavior, high potential for human-caused fires, severe shortages of resources, and numerous large fires.

Authority

Fire restrictions and closures are invoked on state, federal, tribal trust, and private lands under federal and state laws (Appendix 1). Agency Administrators are responsible for coordinating with other agencies/tribes, issuing appropriate documents, and the enforcement of restrictions and closures for those lands on which they have authority (Appendix 2).

Agencies are responsible for incorporating the geographic guidelines into their appropriate policy and procedures manuals. Restrictions and closure procedures shall be uniform across areas and the geographic area.

Areas

The Southern Idaho Zone has been divided into ten fire restriction areas (Appendix 3), each of which represents a geographic location with similar timing for weather changes and resulting fire behavior potentials. The boundaries for each area are placed along roadways, rivers, hydrologic divides or other known points that can be clearly described to the public. When a majority of the land managers and agency administrators representing the jurisdictions within an area agree that the conditions warrant a restriction, the entire area will be placed in a restricted status. When land managers and agency administrators agree that the restrictions for that area can be removed, the entire area will rescind restrictions as a whole. These coordinated steps should reduce the potential for confusing the public.

An Area Fire Restriction Coordinator and alternate coordinator will be designated for each fire restriction area to facilitate discussion between the agencies. As a rule, all agencies will implement and rescind restrictions together, but agencies have some latitude to initiate restrictions independently to address special situations or conditions on a case-by-case basis that do not affect the entire area. However, this latitude should be used sparingly and only after consultation with the Area Fire Restriction Coordinator.

Process for Fire Restrictions

Every spring, Area Agency Administrators, law enforcement personnel, fire managers, and public information personnel will review and validate the restriction and closure plan and applicable agency/tribal documents. All press releases, description of stages, and other necessary agency documents should be available in template format before the start of the fire season.

1) Initiation

When the fire danger conditions within an area approach critical levels, Fire Managers within the Restriction Areas should begin planning the initiation of fire restrictions. Fire danger critical levels should be determined by all wildland agencies/tribes in the area before the onset of fire season. These guidelines will become part of the Area's Restriction and Closure Plan, which will be incorporated into the Area Annual Operating Plan (Appendix 4). The planning process for restrictions should include a public awareness campaign, keeping the media informed of the possibility of restrictions. The Area Restriction Coordinator, who is chosen by the Agency Administrators within the area, should coordinate all restriction actions (Appendix 2). The Area Restriction Coordinator will initiate discussion with the area fire managers regarding the need to implement restrictions within the area; and once a decision is made to implement restrictions, the Area Coordinator will inform the Southern Idaho Zone Coordinator. The Southern Idaho Zone Coordinator will communicate the intention of an area to initiate restrictions and coordinate other Areas restriction intentions. This decision process should be started early enough so all agencies/tribes in the area have time to plan, properly distribute the restriction documents, and notify the public.

When fire managers in the area make a decision that restrictions are needed, they will inform their respective Agency Administrator that the thresholds for implementing fire restrictions have been reached. All agencies and tribes will coordinate the restriction stages, implementation and rescissions, and timing of media releases.

2) Implementation

The Area Restriction Coordinator will coordinate approval of all agency documents. Each Agency Administrator will be responsible for assuring that documents are completed and signed. The documents will be based on the elements listed in Appendix 5.

The Area Restriction Coordinator will also coordinate public notification. Each Area's Restriction and Closure Plan will include a media communications process. When implemented, the restriction media release must be clear and concise and understandable to the general public. Each agency/tribe will post signs and notifications, according to their procedures and regulations, to inform the public of the restrictions. The Area Agency Administrators will allow at least 96 hours for agencies to prepare for restrictions before the restriction goes into effect.

Once a restriction is in effect, participating agencies/tribes will not issue exemptions, exceptions, or waivers to the agreed-upon restrictions except through written individual permits. If permits are issued, affected agencies within the fire restriction area will be notified to avoid confusion among law enforcement and fire personnel.

Each agency will be responsible for informing their employees of the restrictions being enacted. Those responsible for public contact (receptionists, etc.) will be provided with a copy of the restrictions and appropriate map.

3) Rescission

Areas should plan restrictions for the long-term danger and not jump at short fluctuations in risk, weather, and fire danger/behavior. When Area Agency Administrators agree that the restriction should be removed, the area restriction coordinator will coordinate public information as conditions warrant. Once the Agency Administrators within an Area have agreed to rescind any or all restrictions they may be rescinded at any time and within 48 hours all procedural requirements will be completed.

Process for Closures

When fire danger/fire behavior threatens firefighter and public safety, the Geographic Agency Administrators can implement large-scale closures. These large-scale closures may involve multiple areas and/or multiple jurisdictions. Implementation, rescission, and public notification of closures will occur at the geographic level. The Great Basin Coordinating Group (Southern Idaho) (Appendix 2) will coordinate closures. Critical levels for implementation of large-scale closures shall be agreed upon by the Geographic Agency Administrators before the start of fire season (Appendix 6).

Small-scale closures will be used for isolated areas where public and firefighter safety is a concern. Area Agency Administrators will coordinate these closures when more than one jurisdiction is involved. When a single jurisdiction is involved, the Agency Administrator will inform the Area Restriction Coordinator, who will then inform the other agencies within the area.

APPENDIX 1: AUTHORITIES

Fire restrictions and closures can be invoked on state, federal, and private lands under federal and state laws. The following are a reference of those authorities:

Forest Service Authorities

For Closures

36 CFR 261.52(e) – Going into or being upon an area

For Restrictions

36, CFR 261.50 – Fire

General that applies to both restrictions and closures

16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571 – Violation/Penalties

36 CFR 261.51 – Posting Requirements

BLM

Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, et seq.),

Sections 302(b) and 301(a) 43, CFR, Part 9210 (Fire Management) 43, CFR, Part 9212 (Wildfire Prevention)

Tribes/BIA

Forest restrictions and closures are issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and

Agency Superintendent under authority established in 25 CFR 163.3, 25 CFR

163.28

State of Idaho

Using ICA 38-115 as the authority, the State Board of Land Commissioners developed supplemental rules and regulations that the Director of the Department of Lands is responsible to apply. Rule IDAPA 20.04.01.060 covers campfire and other burning permits; IDAPA 20.04.01.070 provides for area closures; IDA.PA 20.04.01.090 allows for invoking smoking limitations; and IDAPA 20.04.01.120 permits limiting activities to the least dangerous portion of the day. Any restrictions implemented by Director of the Department of Lands will apply to Forest and Range Lands as defined in ICA 38-101.

APPENDIX 2: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1) Agency Administrator:

The Area Agency Administrators are responsible for the following:

- Nominate an Area Restriction / Closure coordinator.
- Develop an Area Restrictions and Closure Plan.
- Ensure that orders are accurate and approved through their legal counsel.
- Ensure that their agency follows all measures stated in an order.
- Ensure that the restriction coordinator has the tools needed to perform successfully.
- Monitor the success of the enacted restriction and provide timely feedback to the area.
- Follow and endorse the Southern Idaho Restriction Guidelines.

2) The Geographic Agency Administrators are responsible for the following:

- Incorporate Southern Idaho guidelines into agency policy and procedures manuals.
- Ensure that the Southern Idaho Zone has the support they need to successfully implement restrictions.
- Monitor their Area Agency Administrators to ensure consistent implementation of restrictions procedures as described in this document.
- Coordinate implementation, rescission, and public notification of restrictions on a large-scale basis.

3) Area Restriction Coordinator:

The Area Restriction Coordinator (ARC) is responsible for the following:

- Oversee the restriction implementation process.
- Coordinate public notification.
- Gather all information from each cooperator needed to make informed decisions. Monitor fire restriction criteria for each agency within the restriction area
- Communicate with neighboring areas on their activity.
- Identify a person for media contacts within the area.
- Monitor and gather information for timely rescinding orders.
- *Ensure all FMOs in the zone have a copy of the Area Restriction Plan and review it annually.*

4) Southern Idaho Zone Coordinator

The Southern Idaho Zone Coordinator, who serves a two-year term, is responsible to provide the Geographic Agency Administrators advice and counsel on the following:

- Need for restrictions across areas
- Impact of restrictions across areas
- Coordination of restrictions across areas
- Coordination and implementation of closures
- Coordination of public notification and media releases at the statewide/geographic level
- *Encourage areas to review/tweak criteria in Area Restriction Plan.*

The Southern Idaho Zone Coordinator will accomplish these tasks through representatives of the Great Basin Prevention and Education Committee to include:

1. USFS
2. BLM / NPS
3. State of Idaho – Idaho Department of Lands

APPENDIX 3: AREA BOUNDARIES IN NARRATIVE FORMAT (MAP IS ON PAGE 16)

Area 1

Starting at Weiser, ID, follow the Idaho/Oregon border north to the Payette National Forest boundary near the Hells Canyon Recreation Area, thence easterly along the Payette NF northern boundary (except for BLM land parcels managed by the Cottonwood Field Office) to the Frank Church River of No return Wilderness boundary: hence southerly then westerly along the Wilderness boundary to the intersection of Butte/Blain county line: hence southerly along the county line to Highway 20/26/93; thence westerly along Highway 20 to Dixie, ID; thence northwest along the south fork of the Boise River till it meets Highway 21; thence southwest on Highway 21 to Barber, ID; thence Northwest along Highway 44 turning north on Highway 55 just east of Eagle; thence north on Highway 55 to Horseshoe Bend; thence west on Highway 52; thence north on 4 mile road just south of Sweet, ID; Follow 4 mile road north to just north of Indian Valley; thence southwest on Highway 95 to the beginning point in Weiser, ID.

Area 2

Starting at Weiser, ID, follow the Idaho/Oregon border south; thence follow the Snake River southeast to King Hill; thence go east along Highway 84 to the Bliss, ID, turnoff; thence go north on Highway 137 to Hill City, ID; thence westerly along Highway 20 to Dixie, ID; thence northwest along the south fork of the Boise River till it meets Highway 21; thence southwest on Highway 21 to Barber, ID; thence Northwest along Highway 44 turning north on Highway 55 just east of Eagle; thence north on Highway 55 to Horseshoe Bend; thence west on Highway 52; thence north on 4 mile road just south of Sweet, ID; Follow 4 mile road north to just north of Indian Valley; thence southwest on Highway 95 to the beginning point in Weiser, ID.

Area 3

Starting in the southwest corner of the state of Idaho, north along the Idaho/Oregon border to the Snake River; then southeast along the Snake River to State Highway 51 bridge; then south along the Bruneau River to the Idaho/Nevada border; then due west along the Idaho/Nevada border to the beginning point at the southwest corner of Idaho.

Area 4

Starting at Bliss, ID, follow I-84 east to Highway 24 (Rupert turnoff); thence north on Highway 24 to Minidoka; thence north on the Arco/Minidoka road to Arco, ID; Thence west on Highway 20 to Hill City, ID; thence due south on Highway 137 to the beginning point at Bliss, ID.

Area 5

Starting where the Bruneau River flows into Idaho at the Idaho/Nevada border, north along the Bruneau River to the Snake River, then east along the Snake River to King Hill; then east along Highway 84 to American Falls, ID; then south on Highway 37 to Holbrook, ID; then south from Holbrook to Stone, ID, on 2 track dirt road; then due south from Stone, ID, to the state line; then due west on the Idaho/Utah border and then the Idaho/Nevada border to the beginning point where the Bruneau River flows into Idaho.

Area 6

Beginning at American Falls, ID, go northeast on I-86 to just north of Rigby, ID; thence turn southeast on Highway 26 following it to the Idaho/Wyoming border; thence due south to the southeast corner of the state of Idaho; thence due west along the Idaho/Utah state line; at a point due south of Stone, ID, on the Idaho state line, go due north to Stone, ID, thence north on a two track road from Stone, ID, to Holbrook, ID; thence follow Highway 37 north to the beginning point of American Falls.

Area 7

Beginning at Dubois, ID, go southwest on Highway 22; thence turn northwest on Highway 28 to Willow Creek; thence advance north up Willow Creek to the Idaho/Montana state line; thence follow the Idaho/Montana state line east till it meets the northwest border of Yellowstone National Park in Idaho; thence follow the Yellowstone NP boundary due south till it reaches the Targhee NF boundary; thence follow the Targhee NF boundary into Wyoming then south till it meets up with the Idaho state line; thence follow the Idaho/Wyoming state line to Highway 26 near Alpine, ID; thence follow Highway 26 northeast to St. Anthony, ID; thence due west from St. Anthony to the Red Road turnoff; thence go north on Red Road to Idmon, ID; thence west on the Spencer Kilgore road to Spencer, ID; thence south on I-15 to the beginning point at Dubois, ID.

Area 8

Beginning at the I-84 turnoff to Rupert, ID, go north on Highway 24 through Rupert, ID to Minidoka; thence follow the Arco/Minidoka road north to Arco, ID; thence turn northeast on Highway 22/33 and follow it to Dubois, ID; thence go north on I-15 to Spencer, ID, thence go east on the Spencer/Kilgore road to Idmon, ID; thence go south on the Red Road to St. Anthony; thence turn southwest and follow I-86 till it turns into I-84 and reaches the beginning point at the I-84 turnoff to Rupert, ID.

Area 9

Starting at Arco, ID, go west on Highway 20/26/90 to the Butte/Blaine County line; thence follow this county line north to the Salmon-Challis National Forest (SCF) administrative boundary; thence follow the SCF administrative boundary northwest to the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness (FCRNR) boundary; thence go north and east along FCRNR/SCF boundary to the Idaho/Montana border; thence follow the Idaho/Montana border southeast to Willow Creek; follow Willow Creek south to Highway 28; thence follow highway 28 south to Highway 22; thence follow Highway 22 southwest to the beginning point of Arco, ID.

Area 10

Area 10 comprises all public lands within the Frank Church - River of No Return, Gospel Hump, and Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness areas. The FC-RONR Wilderness with just over 2 million acres includes the Salmon, Middle Fork Salmon, and part of the Selway Wild and Scenic River and major parts of Big Creek and South Fork of the Salmon River, which are potential Wild and Scenic river candidates. The area includes parts of five counties: Custer, Idaho, Lemhi, and Valley in Idaho and Ravalli county in Montana; and is administered by five National Forests: Bitterroot and Nezperce of Region 1, and the Boise, Salmon-Challis, and Payette of Region 4. The Gospel Hump wilderness at over 206,000 acres is administered by the Clearwater - Nezperce NF and is found within Idaho County. The Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness is administered by the Lolo, Bitterroot, and Clearwater-Nezperce National Forests. The Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (SBW) is 1.3 million acres in size. The SBW straddles the Bitterroot mountain range along the Idaho and Montana border. It includes large parts of the Lochsa and Selway River drainages in Idaho and a portion of the western Bitterroot River drainage in Montana. The wilderness is found within Clearwater and Idaho Counties in Idaho and Ravalli and Missoula County in Montana.

APPENDIX 4: GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING RESTRICTIONS

When weather factors, fire behavior, or fire suppression impacts become a concern, the following criteria can be used to determine if a fire restriction is justified. Before the fire season, each area should review these evaluation guidelines and determine threshold levels that substantiate the need for each restriction. These thresholds for restrictions should well exceed the normal fire season conditions.

Examples include:

- 1,000-hour fuel moisture content 3-day mean energy release component.
- Live fuel moisture content.
- Fire danger rating adjective class is at very high or extreme.
- Fires are impacting available suppression resources making adequate initial attack difficult.
- Area is receiving a high occurrence of human-caused fires.
- Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue.
- Life safety is jeopardized.
- Great Basin Prevention Education Preparedness Levels.

APPENDIX 5: STAGE I AND STAGE II RESTRICTIONS

There will be two fire restriction stages: Stage I and Stage II. Each agency/tribe with a fire restriction area must write its own agency/tribal document that authorizes the restrictions within its jurisdiction. Each agency/tribe is responsible for using its own format and having their Legal Counsel review the document to assure it is correct and enforceable. To reduce confusion and standardize the restrictions, the **following criteria will be used in all restriction documents:**

STAGE I

The following acts are prohibited until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire except within a designated recreation site, and only within a fire structure provided by the administrative agency.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a designated recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

EXEMPTIONS:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
3. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
6. Other exemptions unique to each agency.

STAGE II

The following acts are prohibited until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a designated recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
3. Operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails.

The following acts are prohibited from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. A patrol is required for one hour following cessation of all work as described in “4” and “5” below.

4. Operating a chainsaw or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine for felling, bucking, skidding, processing, road building and woodcutting during industrial operations or fire wood gathering.
5. Blasting, welding, or other activities that generate flame or flammable material.

EXEMPTIONS:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
3. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
4. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
5. All land within a city boundary is exempted.
6. Other exemptions unique to each agency.

APPENDIX 6: CLOSURE GUIDELINES

Before the fire season, Geographic Agency Administrators within the Southern Idaho Zone of the Great Basin Geographic Area should review the evaluation guidelines and reaffirm the threshold levels that would substantiate the need for closures.

Examples include:

- Potential loss of life due to explosive fire conditions.
- Potential for extreme or blowup fire behavior.
- Stage II restrictions are not effective in reducing the number of human-caused fires.
- Resources across the geographic area are at a critical shortage level.

APPENDIX 7: DEFINITIONS

The following definitions should be used as part of, or referenced to, in the Special Orders or Laws that initiate and authorize a Stage I or Stage II Restriction:

AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR: That person vested with the overall responsibility and authority for an agency at an administrative unit. These individuals may include BIA Superintendents, Forest Supervisors, State Lands Area Supervisors, and BLM District Managers. Agency Administrators at the Geographical Area Level would include the Regional Forester, BLM State Director, and the Director of the Idaho Dept. of Lands.

CAMPFIRE: A fire, not within any building, mobile home, or living accommodation mounted on a vehicle, which is used for cooking, branding, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial, or aesthetic purposes. Campfires are open fires, usually built on the ground, from native fuels or charcoal, including charcoal grills.

CHAINSAW: A saw powered by an internal combustion engine, with cutting teeth linked in an endless chain.

CLOSURE: The closing of an area to entry or use.

DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS: Those roads and trails that are identified on maps regularly provided to the public by Land Management agencies.

DESIGNATED RECREATION SITE: A recreation area that has been improved and designated by sign as a privately owned commercial campground, tribal, or agency-owned campground, picnic area, or trail head.

FIRE STRUCTURE: A metal or concrete improvement specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire or cooking fire provided by the agency or campground owner. This does not include a metal fire pan as defined below.

METAL FIRE PAN: A metal fire pan with sides at least three inches high with a metal grate on top.

MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT: Any equipment or vehicle propelled by an internal combustion engine.

OWNER PROVIDED STRUCTURE – A permanent fire ring/structure that is installed and maintained by the agency having administrative control or the individual who has ownership rights of the property.

PATROL: One or more people who will travel through a work site checking for and reporting fires discovered adjacent to and within the work site.

PERMIT: A written document issued by an authorized agency representative to specifically authorize an otherwise prohibited act.

RESTRICTION: A limitation on an activity or use.

STOVE FIRE: A fire built inside a fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove, outfitted with a chimney of at least five (5) feet in length, employing a spark arrester with a maximum mesh screen opening of ¼ inch (for the purposes of Stage II Restrictions, stoves fires fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels are within exemption #2, and do not require a chimney or spark arrester).

APPENDIX 8: GREAT BASIN PREVENTION EDUCATION PREPAREDNESS LEVELS

Prevention Education Preparedness Level Descriptions. Unit Preparedness Levels shall be determined in accordance with agency direction through Agency Directives (such as FSH 5109.18, BLM). A similar process may take place at your local administrative unit. The following are recommended Preparedness Levels for the Great Basin Geographic Area.

ALL PREPAREDNESS LEVELS (Before Start of Season)	
Description: The following activities apply regardless of the level of fire activity.	
Management Recommendations	Responsibility
Support Functions	
A. Training	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
B. Workshop	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
C. Restriction Preplanning (Review)	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
D. Establish Base Stocking Level of Supplies	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
E. Contacts – Establish Network	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
F. Ensure Compliance of Readiness Review	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
G. Establish/Update/Review Local Prevention Plan	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
H. Community Awareness Programs: School Programs, SPA, County Fairs, etc.	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
I. Establish Prevention Staffing	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist

PREPAREDNESS LEVEL I	
Description: No large wildland fires in progress. Most units have low to moderate fire severity. Number and size of fires within normal range for that time of year (occasional fire or fires not exceeding 99 acres in size). Little or no commitment of other than local resources.	
Management Recommendations	Responsibility
A. All Preseason Steps Completed /Considered	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
B. Establish Media Contacts	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
C. Signs	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
D. Inspections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities: Administrative Sites, Campgrounds, Dispersed Recreation Sites Structures: Uniform Fire Code (Appendix 2A-Defensible Space) Defensible Space Projects Industrial 	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
E. Analyze Ignition Causes	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
F. Patrol/Public Awareness	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist

PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II	
Description: One or more units experiencing moderate to high fire danger with NFDRS Staffing Classes II and III. Several units having ¼ to 99 acre fires. Potential exists for initial attack fires to escape and become large, project fires. Resources within the area appear adequate to deal with the situation.	
Management Recommendations	Responsibility
A. Consider Increasing Staffing Levels	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
B. Media Releases Weekly	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
C. Special Prevention Activities (SPA')	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
D. Target Specific Areas/Causes/Seasons (Hunting, July 4 th , etc.)	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
E. Coordinate Patrol Efforts with Enforcement and/or Suppression	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
F. Establish Communication with Cooperators	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist

PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III	
Description: Several units experiencing high to very high fire danger with NFDRS Staffing Class III. Numerous units having ¼ to 99 acre wildland or prescribed fire activities ongoing. Several wildland fires are escaping initial attack and reaching 100 to 300 acres or larger in size. Holding actions taking increasing numbers of resources. A Type 1/II Incident Management Team is on order or committed, or 50 percent of area crews or initial attack resources committed, or a 30 percent combination of both.	
Management Recommendations	Responsibility
A. Establish Regular Press Briefings	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
B. Include Prevention/Education when requesting Fire Severity Funding	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
C. Consider extending Hours	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
D. Increase Communications with Cooperators	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
E. Elevate: Sign Program, Patrols Awareness/Enforcement, Suppression Public Presence	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
F. Evaluate Availability of Prevention Personnel for off district distribution	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist

PREPAREDNESS LEVEL IV	
Description: Two units experiencing very high or extreme fire danger, with NFDRS Staffing Class of IV. Numerous wildland fires escaped initial attack, and several are reaching 100-1000 acres in size. No break in the predicted weather for at least 48 hours. Two or more units experiencing incidents requiring Type I or II teams, 80 percent of all crews or initial attack resources committed on wildland fires. Competition exists for resources between units. Resources being mobilized from outside the Great Basin.	
Management Recommendations	Responsibility
A. Evaluate Need for Restrictions	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
B. Increase Media Effort – Information Center	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
C. Increase Local Staffing – Use non-traditional partners	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
D. Order Local/National Prevention Team	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
E. Coordinate wildland fire restriction. Also Refer to Prevention Preparedness Levels 1-3.	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist

PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V	
Description: Several units are experiencing major incidents which have the potential to exhaust all resources, while numerous new fires continue to occur. Most, if not all, the resources within the Area are committed; as resources become available, they are immediately reassigned to other incidents. The majority of support is coming from outside the Area. No break in the weather is predicted for at least 48 hours.	
Management Recommendations	Responsibility
Implement Restrictions (After all other prevention measures have been exhausted.)	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist
Prevention Teams - Continued	FMO/Prevention Education Specialist

APPENDIX 9: SAMPLE FIRE RESTRICTION CRITERIA FORM

Area 1 Fire Restriction Criteria

Agency/ Unit	1000 hr 12% -	ERC 90%+	Live Fuel Moisture75 % -	Fire Danger Rating VH+	Committed Resources (Y/N)	High Human Risk (Y/N)	WX to continue (Y/N)
BOF							
IDL							
PAF							
STF							
SITPA							
BOD							
TFD							
SCF							
COD							

Implement (Y/N)

- ☐ BOF = Boise National Forest
- ☐ IDL = Idaho Department of Lands SW Area
- ☐ PAF = Payette National Forest
- ☐ STF = Sawtooth National Forest
- ☐ SITPA = Southern Idaho Timber Protective Association
- ☐ BOD – Boise District BLM
- ☐ TFD – Twin Falls District BLM
- ☐ SCF - Salmon/Challis National Forest
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Majority Vote _____

APPENDIX 10: LIST OF AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATORS

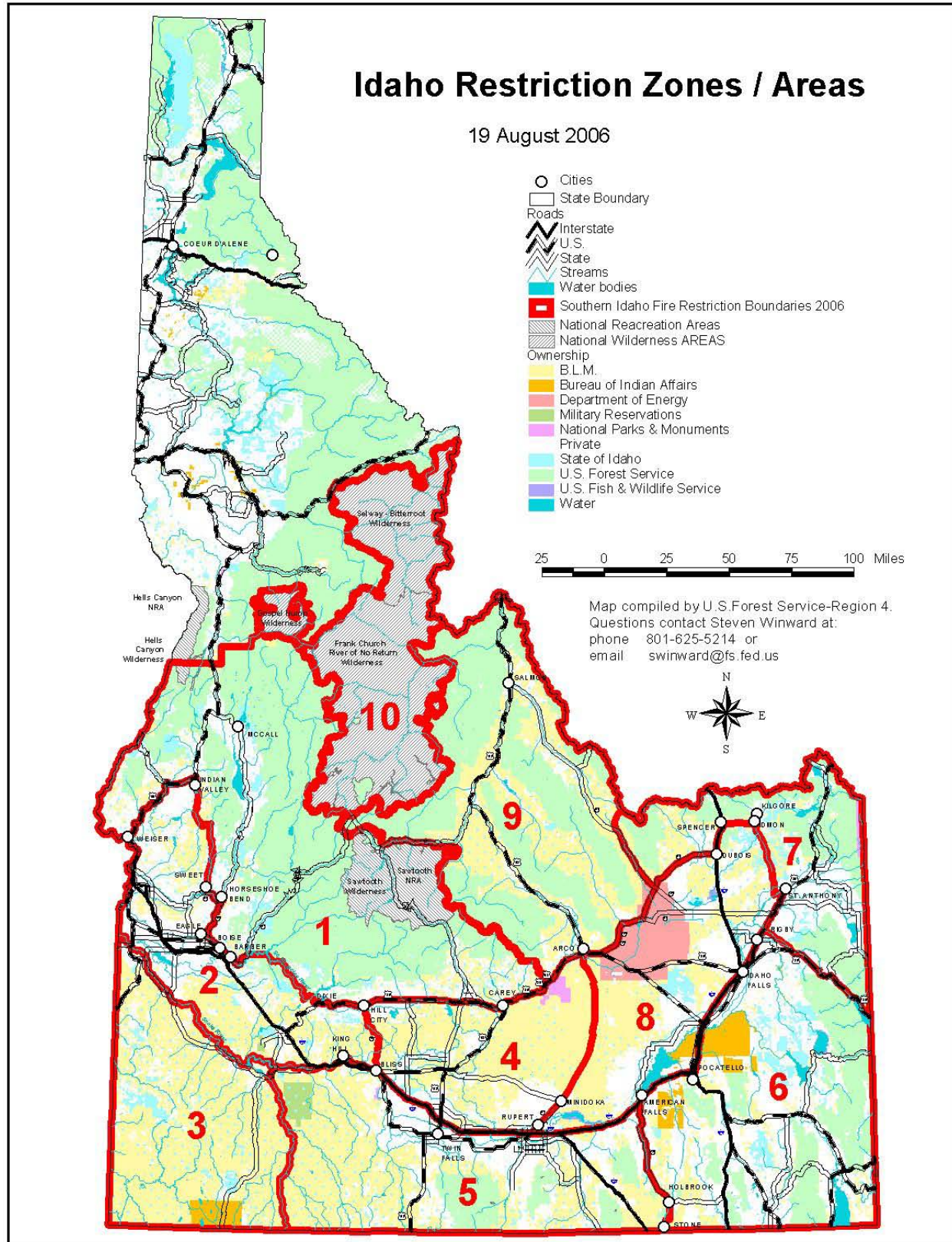
<i>Area 1</i>	Stephaney Church, Center Manager, Boise Interagency Logistics Center, 208-384-3380
<i>Area 2</i>	Stephaney Church, Center Manager, Boise Interagency Logistics Center, 208-384-3380
<i>Area 3</i>	Stephaney Church, Center Manager, Boise Interagency Logistics Center, 208-384-3380
<i>Area 4</i>	Roland Parkhurst, Center Manager, S. Idaho Interagency Logistics Center, 208-732-7202
<i>Area 5</i>	Dave Owens, Sawtooth National Forest Prevention Officer, 208-737-3229
<i>Area 6</i>	Kevin Conran, Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center, 208-524-7602
<i>Area 7</i>	Kevin Conran, Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center, 208-524-7602
<i>Area 8</i>	Kevin Conran, Eastern Idaho Interagency Fire Center, 208-524-7602
<i>Area 9</i>	Paul Sever, Center Manager, Central Idaho Coordination Center, 208-756-5448
<i>Area 10</i>	Paul Sever, Center Manager, Central Idaho Coordination Center, 208-756-5448

Zone Coordinator John Roberts, Idaho Department of Lands, 208-334-3488

The zone coordinator position will rotate between the USFS, IDL, and BLM and will serve a 2 year term. The rotation schedule (which is subject to change) is as follows:

BLM – 2004-2005
IDL – 2006-2007
USFS – 2008-2009

APPENDIX 11: IDAHO RESTRICTION ZONES/AREAS MAP AND SPECIFIC AREA PLANS



FIRE RESTRICTION AREA NUMBER 1

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The Boise Interagency Logistics Center Manager will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction within Area 1. One of the two BDC Logistics Coordinators will serve as the alternate Area Restriction Coordinator.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to determine initiating or rescinding restrictions. When environmental factors or the impact of the commitment of resources to fire suppression (locally, geographically, or nationally) approach the guideline levels for stage 1 or stage 2 a fire restriction should be considered for the whole area. Negotiation among the agencies within the area will be based on data taken from RAWs and Manual weather stations throughout the restriction area that best represent conditions in Restriction Area 1:

- ☐ 1,000 hr. Time lag Fuel Moisture Content is **12% or less.**
- ☐ 3 day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the **90th percentile or above.**
- ☐ Live fuel Moisture Content is **75% or less. (Primary NFDRS Fuel Model)**
- ☐ Fire Danger rating Adjective Class is at **very high or extreme.**
- ☐ Commitment of resources to local, GACC or National assignment **limits adequate initial attack capability.**
- ☐ Area is receiving **an above average occurrence of human-caused fire starts** or the risk is predicted to increase.
- ☐ Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are **predicted to continue.**

Stage I:

If at least three of the above conditions are met consider a Stage I restriction.

Stage II:

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are met.

AREA 1 LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

The following Public Land Management Agency Administrators will be advised by their fire managers of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above during discussion with the Area Restriction Coordinator. Agency administrators, fire managers and the Area Restriction Coordinator will jointly discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions and the timing of restrictions. When a majority of the decision group agencies agree that restrictions are necessary all agencies within Restriction Area 1 agree to initiate coordinated restrictions for the area to avoid confusing the public. The Area Restriction Coordinator will notify the Southern Idaho Coordinator of the intention to implement

or rescind fire restrictions. After a decision is made to implement or rescind fire restrictions each Agency will complete the written documentation and initiate the notification procedures required by law to legalize the actions within their jurisdiction.

Specifically, the Area Restriction Coordinator will work through the Fire managers of the agencies and units within the Decision Group. The respective fire managers have the responsibility to brief and work with their Line Officers regarding the conditions and the potential need for restrictions, using the evaluation guidelines as the framework for discussion. The Area Restriction Coordinator will also work closely with the Lead Public Affairs Officer during discussions related to implementing or rescinding fire restrictions for the area.

Decision Group:

- * Boise National Forest
- * Idaho Department of Lands – Southwest Area
- * Payette National Forest
- * Sawtooth National Forest
- * Southern Idaho Timber Protective Association
- * Boise District - B.L.M.
- * Twin Falls District - B.L.M.
- * Salmon - Challis National Forest
- * Coeur d’Alene District – B.L.M.

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of impending restrictions, dates, maps of restriction areas, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to have the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents. It is the responsibility of the fire managers of each agency or unit within the decision group to contact the members of the key contact group within their respective jurisdictions.

(Fire Departments):

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| * Boise City Fire Dept. | * Cascade City Fire Dept. | * Cascade Rural Fire Dept. |
| * Clear Creek V.F.D. | * Garden Valley Rural F.D. | * Grandjean V.F.D. |
| * Horseshoe Bend Rural F.D. | * Idaho City V.F.D. | * Lowman V.F.D. |
| * Placerville V.F.D. | * Robie Creek V.F.D. | * Valley of the Pines V.F.D. |
| * Wilderness Ranch V.F.D. | * McCall Rural F.P.D. | * Donnelly Rural F.P.D. |
| * Lemhi County R.F.D. | * Elk Bend F.P.D. | * Leadore V.F.D. |
| * North Fork Fire Dist. | * North Custer County F.D. | * South Custer County F.D. |
| * Bellview Fire Dept. | * Carey Rural Fire Dept. | * Clayton Fire Dept. |
| * Fairfield Fire Dept. | * Hailey Fire Dept. | * Ketchum Fire Dept. |
| * Sawtooth Valley Rural Dist. | * Sun Valley Fire Dept. | * Wood River Rural F.P.D. |
| * Council Rural F.D. | * Weiser Fire Dept. | * Salmon River Rural F.D. |
| * New Meadows Rural F.D. | * Gem County No.2 F.D. | |

(Law Enforcement Agencies):

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| * Ada County Sheriff Dept. | * Boise County Sheriff Dept. |
| * CusterCounty Sheriff Dept. | * Elmore County Sheriff Dept. |
| * Gem County Sheriff Dept. | * Lemhi County Sheriff Dept. |
| * Adams County Sheriff Dept. | * Idaho State Police |

- * Valley County Sheriff Dept
- * Camas Cnty Sheriff Dept.
- * Idaho County Sheriff Dept.

- * Washington County Sheriff Dept.
- * Blaine County Sheriff Dept.

(State Agencies):

- * Idaho Parks and Recreation Dept.
- * Bureau of Disaster Services

- * Idaho Transportation Dept.
- * Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game

(Other Federal Agencies):

- * Bureau of Reclamatio
- * Bitterroot National Forest
- * All Districts in BOF, PAF, STF & SCF

- * Nez Perce National Forest
- * Fish and Wildlife Service
- * Corps of Engineers

MEDIA PLAN:

The Boise NF Public Affairs Officer, Dave Olson, will take the lead for coordinating information release with the Public Affairs Officers from The Idaho Department of Lands, the three BLM Districts, and the four National Forests. The alternate lead Public Affairs Officer will be the Boise District BLM Fire Mitigation and Education Specialist at the Boise Interagency Logistics Center. The Lead Public Affairs Officer will work closely with the Area Restriction Coordinator and Public Affairs Officers of the other agencies or units within the Decision Group to provide a unified and consistent message. The unit Public Affairs Officers will make the media contacts to the outlets within their spheres of influence. Objectives of the Media Plan are to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions in order to reduce the number of human-caused fire starts.

Responsibilities of Lead Public Affairs Officer:

- Work with Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions to assure an organized approach.
- Assure that all of the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed about the restrictions, boundaries, reasons, etc.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media.
- Ensure that agencies within the Key Contact Group are provided with maps of the restriction area and exact requirements of the restrictions.
- Work with the Public Affairs Officers of the agencies and units within the Decision Group to design new and innovative methods of making the public aware of fire conditions and steps to reduce human-caused fires.

FIRE RESTRICTION AREA NUMBER 2

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The Boise Interagency Logistics Center Manager will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in Area No. 2.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to determine initiating or rescinding restrictions. When environmental factors or the impact of the commitment of resources to fire suppression (locally, geographically or nationally) approach the guideline levels for stage I or stage II, a fire restriction should be considered for the whole area. Negotiation among agencies within the area will be based on data taken from RAWs and Manual Weather stations throughout the restriction area that best represent conditions in Restriction Area 2

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- ☐ 1,000 hr. Time lag Fuel Moisture Content is **12% or less.**
- ☐ 3 day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the **90th percentile or above.**
- ☐ Live fuel Moisture Content is **75% or less. (Primary NFDRS Fuel Model)**
- ☐ Fire Danger rating Adjective Class is at **very high or extreme.**
- ☐ Fires are impacting available suppression forces making **adequate initial attack difficult.**
- ☐ Area is receiving **an above average occurrence of human-caused fire starts** or the risk is predicted to increase.
- ☐ Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are **predicted to continue.**

Stage I:

If at least three of the above conditions are met consider stage I restrictions.

Stage II:

Consider Stage II restrictions after Stage I restrictions has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are met.

AREA LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

The following public land management agency administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above, for Area 2 by the Area Restriction Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. A majority of the agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they are initiated for the area to avoid confusing the public. After coming to agreement, each agency will complete the written documentation and initiate the notification procedures required by law to legalize the actions within their jurisdiction.

* Boise District BLM
* Twin Falls District BLM

* Idaho Department of Lands
* Boise National Forest

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of impending restrictions, dates, maps of restriction areas, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to have the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents. It is the responsibility of the fire managers of each agency or unit within the decision group to contact the members of the key contact group within their respective jurisdictions.

(Fire Departments):

- * Boise City F.D.
- * Payette F.D.
- * New Plymouth F.D.
- * Parma F.D.
- * North Ada County Fire & Rescue
- * Star F.D.
- * Horseshoe Bend FD
- * Gem County F.D.
- * Mountain Home F.D.
- * Melba FD
- * Glenns Ferry FD
- * Eagle FD

(Law Enforcement Agencies):

- * Ada County Sheriffs Dept. (S.D.)
- * Canyon County S.D.
- * Payette County S.D.
- * Gem County S.D.
- * Elmore S.D.
- * Idaho State Police

(State Agencies):

- * Idaho Parks and Recreation Dept.
- * Idaho Fish and Game Dept.
- * Idaho Transportation Dept.
- * Bureau of Reclamation
- * Bureau of Disaster Services

(Other Federal Agencies):

- * Bureau of Reclamation
- * Fish and Wildlife Service
- * Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge

(Military):

- * Mountain Home AFB
- * Gowen Field Idaho National Guard

MEDIA PLAN:

The Media Plan for Area 2 will be the responsibility of the Boise District - B.L.M. Fire Information Officer. His/her alternate will be the Idaho Department of Lands Fire Warden. Objectives of the Media Plan will be to keep the public and agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions, in order to reduce the number of human caused fire starts and potential threats to lives and property.

Responsibilities:

- * Work with Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- * Assure that all of the internal personnel of the land management agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasons, etc.
- * Keep well-informed on present and predicted fire conditions and what their impacts may be.
- * Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media.
- * Take all steps possible to assure that the public is informed of the restrictions, boundaries, etc.
- * Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact List of the restrictions prior to making the

information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction areas, current fire behavior conditions and projections, and exact requirements of the restrictions.

- * Weave the fire restrictions into the overall prevention program to optimize effectiveness.

FIRE RESTRICTION AREA NUMBER 3

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The Boise Interagency Logistics Center Manager will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in Area No. 3.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating restrictions or removing them. The weather related factors will be taken from RAWs and Manual weather stations that best represent conditions in Restriction Area No. 3:

- [] 1,000 hr. Time lag Fuel Moisture Content is **12% or less.**
- [] 3 day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the **90th percentile or above.**
- [] Live fuel Moisture Content is **75% or less. (Primary NFDRS Fuel Model)**
- [] Fire Danger rating Adjective Class is at **very high or extreme.**
- [] Fires are impacting available suppression forces making **adequate initial attack difficult.**
- [] Area is receiving **an above average occurrence of human-caused fire starts** or the risk is predicted to increase.
- [] Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are **predicted to continue.**

Note: According to the larger Southern Idaho Fire Restrictions and Closure plan, fire prevention campaign efforts should be increased and exhausted prior to implementing restrictions.

AREA LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

The following public land management agency administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above, for Area 3 by the Area Restriction Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. A majority of the agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they are initiated for the area to avoid confusing the public. After coming to agreement, each agency will complete the written documentation and initiate the notification procedures required by law to legalize the actions within their jurisdiction.

- * Boise District BLM
- * Idaho Department of Lands

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of impending restrictions, dates, maps of restriction areas, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to have the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents. It is the responsibility of the fire managers of each agency or unit within the decision group to contact the members of the key contact group within their respective jurisdiction.

(Fire Departments):

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| * Grandview F.D. | * Buhl FD |
| * Hagerman FD | * Marsing F.D. |
| * Castleford F.D. | * Murphy - Reynolds - Wilson FD |
| * Homedale FD | * Bruneau FD |
| * Glens Ferry/King Hill FD | * Silver City Fire and Rescue Inc. |

(Law Enforcement Agencies):

- * Owyhee County Sheriffs Dept. (S.D.)
- * Twin Falls County S.D.
- * Canyon County SD
- * Elmore County S.D.
- * Idaho State Police

(State Agencies):

- * Idaho Parks and Recreation Dept.
- * Idaho Fish and Game Dept.
- * Idaho Parks & Rec. – Three Island Park
- * U.S. Bureau of Rec. Swan Falls Dam
- * Idaho Transportation Dept.
- * Bureau of Disaster Services

(Other Federal Agencies):

- * Bureau of Reclamation
- * Duck Valley Indian Reservation - B.I.A.

MEDIA PLAN:

The Media Plan for Area 3 will be the responsibility of the Boise District - B.L.M. Fire Information Officer. His/her alternate will be the Idaho Department of Lands Public Information Officer. Objectives of the Media Plan will be to keep the public and agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions, in order to reduce the number of human caused fire starts and potential threats to lives and property.

Responsibilities:

- * Work with Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- * Assure that all of the internal personnel of the land management agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasons, etc.
- * Keep well-informed on present and predicted fire conditions and what their impacts may be.
- * Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media.
- * Take all steps possible to assure that the public is informed of the restrictions, boundaries, etc.
- * Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact List of the restrictions prior to making the information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction areas, current fire behavior conditions and projections, and exact requirements of the restrictions.
- * Weave the fire restrictions into the overall prevention program to optimize effectiveness.
- * Try to design new and innovative methods of making the public aware of the fire problems and steps to reduce the fire impacts.

FIRE RESTRICTION AREA NUMBER 4

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The Southern Idaho Interagency Dispatch Center Manager will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies having jurisdiction within Area 4. The Shoshone BLM Public Affairs Officer will serve as the alternate Area Restriction Coordinator.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to determine initiating or rescinding restrictions. When environmental factors or the impact of the commitment of resources to fire suppression (locally, geographically, or nationally) approach the guideline levels for stage 1 or stage 2 a fire restriction should be considered for the whole area. Negotiation among the agencies within the area will be based on data taken from RAWS and Manual weather stations throughout the restriction area that best represent conditions in Restriction Area 4:

- ☐ Burning Index is **85 or more for at least 48 hours.**
- ☐ Live fuel Moisture Content is **75% or less.**
- ☐ Fire Danger rating Adjective Class is at **very high or extreme.**
- ☐ Commitment of resources to local, GACC or National assignment **limits adequate initial attack capability.**
- ☐ Area is receiving **high occurrence of human-caused fire starts** or the risk is predicted to increase.
- ☐ Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are **predicted to continue.**

Stage 1:

If at least 3 of the above conditions are met consider a stage 1 restriction.

Stage 2:

Consider initiating a stage 2 restriction after a stage 1 restriction has been in effect and 4 or more of the above conditions are met.

AREA 4 LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

The following Public Land Management Agency Administrators will be advised by their fire managers of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above during discussion with the Area Restriction Coordinator. Agency administrators, fire managers and the Area Restriction Coordinator will jointly discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions and the timing of restrictions. When a majority of the decision group agencies agree that restrictions are necessary all agencies within Restriction Area 4 agree to initiate coordinated restrictions for the area to avoid confusing the public. The Area Restriction Coordinator will notify the Southern Idaho Coordinator of the intention to implement or rescind fire restrictions. After a decision is made to implement or rescind fire restrictions each

Agency will complete the written documentation and initiate the notification procedures required by law to legalize the actions within their jurisdiction.

Specifically, the Area Restriction Coordinator will work through the Fire managers of the agencies and units within the Decision Group. The respective fire managers have the responsibility to brief and work with their Line Officers regarding the conditions and the potential need for restrictions, using the evaluation guidelines as the framework for discussion. The Area Restriction Coordinator will also work closely with the Lead Public Affairs Officer during discussions related to implementing or rescinding fire restrictions for the area.

DECISION GROUP:

- * Twin Falls District – BLM
- * Idaho Department of Lands
- * Craters of the Moon Natl. Monument

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of impending restrictions, dates, maps of restriction areas, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them allow the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents. It is the responsibility of the fire managers of each agency or unit within the decision group to contact the members of the key contact group within their respective jurisdictions.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

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| * American Falls Fire Dept. | * Glenn's Ferry/King Hill FD | * Richfield Fire Dept. |
| * Bellevue City Fire Dept. | * Gooding Fire Dept. | * Rupert City Fire/Rescue |
| * Bliss City/Rural Fire Dept. | * Hailey City Fire Dept. | * Sun Valley Fire Dept. |
| * Carey-Picabo Fire Dept. | * Jerome City Fire Dept. | * Shoshone Fire Dept. |
| * Dietrich Fire Dept. | * Jerome Rural Fire Dept. | * West End Fire Dept. |
| * Fairfield Fire Dept. | * Ketchum Fire Dept. | * Wood River Fire/Rescue |
| * First Segregation Fire Dept. | * Murtaugh Fire Dept. | * Wood River Rural FD |

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES:

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| * Blaine County Sheriff Dept. | * Jerome Co. Sheriff Dept. | * Idaho State Police |
| * Camas Co. Sheriff Dept. | * Lincoln Co. Sheriff Dept. | |
| * Gooding Co. Sheriff Dept. | * Minidoka Co. Sheriff Dept. | |

STATE AGENCIES:

* Idaho Parks and Recreation Dept.
* Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game

* Idaho Transportation Dept.
* Idaho Bureau of Disaster Services

OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES:

* Boise District – B.L.M.

MEDIA PLAN:

The Shoshone BLM Public Affairs Officer, will take the lead for coordinating information release with the Public Affairs Officers from The Idaho Department of Lands, the Sawtooth NF, adjoining BLM offices, and the National Park Service. The alternate lead Public Affairs Officer will be the Public Affairs Officer for the Sawtooth NF. The Lead Public Affairs Officer will work closely with the Area Restriction Coordinator and Public Affairs Officers of the other agencies or units within the Decision Group to provide a unified and consistent message. The unit Public Affairs Officers will make the media contacts to the outlets within their spheres of influence. Objectives of the Media Plan are to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions in order to reduce the number of human-caused fire starts.

Responsibilities of Lead Public Affairs Officer:

- Work with Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions to assure an organized approach.
- Coordinate with the Public Affairs Officers of all the agencies and units within the decision group.
- Assure that all of the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed about the restrictions, boundaries, reasons, etc.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media.
- Ensure that agencies within the Key Contact Group are provided with maps of the restriction area and exact requirements of the restrictions.
- Work with the Public Affairs Officers of the agencies and units within the Decision Group to design new and innovative methods of making the public aware of fire conditions and steps to reduce human-caused fires.

FIRE RESTRICTION AREA NUMBER 5

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The Sawtooth National Forest Fire Prevention Officer will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction within Area 5. One of the two Assistant Fire Staff Officers on the Sawtooth National Forest will serve as the alternate Area Restriction Coordinator.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to determine initiating or rescinding restrictions. When environmental factors or the impact of the commitment of resources to fire suppression (locally, geographically, or nationally) approach the guideline levels for Stage I or Stage II a fire restriction should be considered for the whole area. Negotiation among the agencies within the area will be based on data taken from RAWs and Manual weather stations throughout the restriction area that best represent conditions in Restriction Area 5:

- ☐ Burning Index is **110 or more for 7 days or longer.**
- ☐ Live fuel Moisture Content is **75% or less.**
- ☐ Fire Danger rating Adjective Class is at **very high or extreme.**
- ☐ Commitment of resources to local, GACC or National assignment **limits adequate initial attack capability.**
- ☐ Area is receiving **high occurrence of human-caused fire starts** or the risk is predicted to increase.
- ☐ Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are **predicted to continue.**

Stage I:

If at least three of the above conditions are met consider a Stage I restriction.

Stage II:

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are met.

AREA 5 LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

The following Public Land Management Agency Administrators will be advised by their fire managers of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above during discussion with the Area Restriction Coordinator. Agency administrators, fire managers and the Area Restriction Coordinator will jointly discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions and the timing of restrictions. When a majority of the decision group agencies agree that restrictions are necessary all agencies within Restriction Area 5 agree to initiate coordinated restrictions for the area to avoid confusing the public. The Area Restriction Coordinator will notify the Southern Idaho Coordinator of the intention to implement

or rescind fire restrictions. After a decision is made to implement or rescind fire restrictions each Agency will complete the written documentation and initiate the notification procedures required by law to legalize the actions within their jurisdiction.

Specifically, the Area Restriction Coordinator will work through the Fire managers of the agencies and units within the Decision Group. The respective fire managers have the responsibility to brief and work with their Line Officers regarding the conditions and the potential need for restrictions, using the evaluation guidelines as the framework for discussion. The Area Restriction Coordinator will also work closely with the Lead Public Affairs Officer during discussions related to implementing or rescinding fire restrictions for the area.

DECISION GROUP:

- * Sawtooth National Forest
- * Idaho Department of Lands
- * Twin Falls District – BLM
- * City of Rocks National Reserve

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of impending restrictions, dates, maps of restriction areas, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them allow the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents. It is the responsibility of the fire managers of each agency or unit within the decision group to contact the members of the key contact group within their respective jurisdictions.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

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| * ACE Fire Unit | * Hansen FD | * Oakley FD |
| * Albion FD | * Hazelton FD | * Raft River VFD |
| * Boxelder Co. (UT) FD | * Heyburn FD | * Rupert FD |
| * Buhl FD | * Jackpot, NV FD | * Salmon Tract VFD |
| * Burley FD | * Jerome FD | * Twin Falls FD |
| * Declo FD | * Jerome Rural FD | * Wendell FD |
| * Eden FD | * Kimberly FD | * West End FD |
| * Filer FD | * Murtaugh FD | |
| * First Segregation FD | * North Side FD | |

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES:

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| * Cassia County Sheriff Dept. | * Minidoka Co. Sheriff Dept. | * Idaho State Police |
| * Jerome Co. Sheriff Dept. | * Twin Falls Co. Sheriff Dept. | |

STATE AGENCIES:

- * ID Parks & Recreation Dept.
- * ID Bureau Disaster Services
- * ID Transportation Dept.
- * ID Dept. Fish and Game
- * UT Dept. Lands/Forestry

OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES:

- * Twin Falls District – BLM
- * Caribou–Targhee National Forest

MEDIA PLAN:

The Sawtooth NF Public Affairs Officer will take the lead for coordinating information release with the Public Affairs Officers from The Idaho Department of Lands, the BLM Districts, and the National Park Service. The alternate lead Public Affairs Officer will be Information Officer at the Shoshone District B.L.M. The Lead Public Affairs Officer will work closely with the Area Restriction Coordinator and Public Affairs Officers of the other agencies or units within the Decision Group to provide a unified and consistent message. The unit Public Affairs Officers will make the media contacts to the outlets within their spheres of influence. Objectives of the Media Plan are to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions in order to reduce the number of human-caused fire starts.

Responsibilities of Lead Public Affairs Officer:

- Work with Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions to assure an organized approach.
- Coordinate with the Public Affairs Officers of all the agencies and units within the decision group.
- Assure that all of the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed about the restrictions, boundaries, reasons, etc.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media.
- Ensure that agencies within the Key Contact Group are provided with maps of the restriction area and exact requirements of the restrictions.
- Work with the Public Affairs Officers of the agencies and units within the Decision Group to design new and innovative methods of making the public aware of fire conditions and steps to reduce human-caused fires.

FIRE RESTRICTION AREA NUMBER 6

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The Idaho Falls District Fire Prevention and Mitigation Specialist will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in Area No. 6.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating restrictions or removing them. The weather related factors will be taken from RAWS and Manual weather stations that best represent conditions in Restriction Area No. 6:

- [] 1,000 hr. Time lag Fuel Moisture Content is **12% or less.**
- [] 3 day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the **90th percentile or above.**
- [] Live fuel Moisture Content is **75% or less.**
- [] Fire Danger rating Adjective Class is at **very high or extreme.**
- [] Fires are impacting available suppression forces making **adequate initial attack difficult.**
- [] Area is receiving **high occurrence of human-caused fire starts** or the risk is predicted to increase.
- [] Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are **predicted to continue.**

Stage I:

If at least three of the above conditions are met consider a Stage I restriction.

Stage II:

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage II restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are met.

AREA LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

The following Public Land Management Agency Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above, for Area 6 by the Area Restriction Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. A majority of the Agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they are initiated for the area to avoid confusing the public. After coming to agreement, each Agency will complete the written documentation and initiate the notification procedures required by law to legalize the actions within their jurisdiction.

* Targhee/Caribou National Forest

* Idaho Falls District - B.L.M.

* Idaho Department of Lands

* Ft. Hall Indian Reservation - B.I.A.

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of impending restrictions, dates, maps of restriction areas, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them allow the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

(Fire Departments):

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| * American Falls F.D. | * Rockland F.D. | * Pocatello F.D. |
| * Pocatello Valley F.D. | * Oneida County F.D. | * Preston F.D. |
| * Chubbuck F.D. | * Ft. Hall F.D. | * Inkom F.D. |
| * McCammon F.D. | * Arimo F.D. | * Downey F.D. |
| * Preston F.D. | * Lava Hot Springs. F.D. | * Caribou County F.D. |
| * Grace F.D. | * Bancroft F.D. | * Montpelier F.D. |
| * Bear Lake County F.D. | * Blackfoot F.D. | * Shelley/Firth F.D. |
| * Idaho Falls F.D. | * Swan Valley F.D. | * Alpine F.D. |
| * Ammon Fire Department | * Central Fire District | |

(Law Enforcement Agencies):

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| * Bannock County Sheriff Dept.(S.D.) | * Bear Lake County S.D. | * Oneida County S.D. |
| * Bingham County S.D. | * Bonneville County S.D. | * Power County S.D. |
| * Franklin County S.D. | * Idaho State Police | |

(State Agencies):

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| * Idaho Parks and Recreation Dept. | * Idaho Transportation Dept |
| * Bureau of Disaster Services | * Idaho Fish and Game Dept. |
| | * Utah State Dept. of Lands |

(Other Federal Agencies):

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| * Bureau of Reclamation | * Bridger-Teton N. F. |
| * All Districts in Targhee/Caribou N.F. | * Sawtooth National Forest |
| * Fish and Wildlife Service | * Rock Springs District B.L.M. |

MEDIA PLAN:

The Media Plan for Area 6 will be the responsibility of the Idaho Falls District - East Zone B.L.M. Public Information Officer. His/her alternate will be the Targhee/Caribou National Forest Public Information Officer. Objectives of the Media Plan will be to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions, in order to reduce the number of human caused fire starts and potential threats to lives and property.

Responsibilities:

- * Work with Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- * Assure that all of the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasons, etc.
- * Keep well informed on present and predicted fire conditions and what their impacts may be.
- * Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media (radio, print, t.v., etc.)
- * Take all steps possible to assure that the public is informed of the restrictions, boundaries, etc.
- * Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact List of the restrictions prior to making the information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction areas, current fire behavior conditions and projections, and exact requirements of the restrictions.
- * Weave the fire restrictions into the overall Prevention program to optimize effectiveness.
- * Try to design new and innovative methods of making the public aware of the fire problem.

FIRE RESTRICTION AREA NUMBER 7

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The Idaho Falls District Fire Prevention and Mitigation Specialist will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in Area No. 7

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating or rescinding restrictions. The weather related factors will be taken from RAWS and/or manual weather stations that best represent the conditions in Restriction Area No.7:

- [] 1,000 hr. Time Lag Fuel Moisture Content is **12% or less.**
- [] 3 day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the **90th percentile or above.**
- [] Live Fuel Moisture Content is **75% or less.**
- [] Fire Danger Rating Adjective Class is at **very high or extreme.**
- [] Area is receiving **high occurrence of human-caused fire starts** or the risk is predicted to increase.
- [] Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are **predicted to continue.**

Stage I:

If at least three of the above conditions are met consider a Stage I restriction.

Stage II:

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage II restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are met.

AREA LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

The following Public Land Management Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above, for Area 7, by the Fire Restriction Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. To avoid confusion to the public, a majority of the Agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they will be initiated for the area. After coming to agreement, each Agency will be responsible for completing the written documentation and initiating the notification procedures required by law to legalize the restrictions within their jurisdiction.

- * Targhee/Caribou National Forest
- * Idaho Department of Lands

*Idaho Falls District - B.L.M.

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of the impending restrictions and provide maps of the restriction areas, reasoning for going into restrictions, present fire conditions, etc., prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to allow them the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

(Fire Departments):

- * Central Fire District
- * Alpine Fire Department
- * Greater Swan Valley F.D.
- * Madison County Fire District
- * South Fremont Fire Dept.
- * Teton County Fire District
- * Dubois Fire Department
- * Island Fire Department
- * North Fremont Fire Dept.

(Law Enforcement Agencies):

- * Madison County Sheriff Dept.
- * Fremont County Sheriff Dept.
- * Clark County Sheriff Dept.
- * Jefferson County Sheriff Dept.
- * Teton County Sheriff Dept.
- * Bonneville County Sheriff Dept
- * Idaho State Police

(State Agencies):

- * Idaho Parks and Recreation Dept.
- * Bureau of Disaster Services
- * Montana Dept. of Forestry
- * Idaho Transportation Dept.
- * Idaho Fish and Game Department

(Other Federal Agencies):

- * Yellowstone National Park
- * Gallatin National Forest
- * US Fish and Wildlife Service
- * Beaverhead National Forest
- * Bureau of Reclamation
- * Grand Teton National Park
- * Bridger-Teton National Forest
- * Montana State Office BLM
- * Wyoming State Office BLM

MEDIA PLAN:

The Media Plan for Area 7 will be the responsibility of the Targhee/Caribou National Forest Public Information Officer. His/her alternate will be the Idaho Falls District - B.L.M. Public Information Officer. Objectives of the Plan will be to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions, in order to reduce the number of human - caused fire starts and the potential threats to lives and property.

Responsibilities:

- * Work with the Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention Personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- * Assure that all of the personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasoning, etc.
- * Keep well informed on present and predicted fire conditions and what their impacts may be.
- * Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media (radio, print, t.v., etc.)
- * Take all steps possible to assure that the public is informed of the restrictions, boundaries, etc.
- * Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact list of the restrictions prior to making the information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction area(s), current and predicted fire conditions, and the exact requirements of the restrictions.

- * Weave the fire restrictions into the overall Prevention Program to optimize effectiveness.
- * Try to develop new and innovative methods of making the public aware of the fire problems and steps to reduce the fire impacts.

FIRE RESTRICTION AREA NUMBER 8

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The Idaho Falls District Fire Prevention and Mitigation Specialist will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in Area No. 8

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating or rescinding restrictions. The weather related factors will be taken from RAWS and/or manual weather stations that best represent the conditions in Restriction Area No. 8:

- [] 1,000 hr. Time Lag Fuel Moisture Content is **12% or less.**
- [] 3 day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the **90th percentile or above.**
- [] Live Fuel Moisture Content is **75% or less.**
- [] Fire Danger Rating Adjective class is at **very high or extreme.**
- [] Area is receiving **high occurrence of human-cause fire starts** or the risk is predicted to increase.
- [] Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are **predicted to continue.**

Stage I:

If at least three of the above conditions are met consider a Stage I restriction.

Stage II:

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage II restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are met.

AREA LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

The following Public Land Management Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above, for Area No. 8, by the Fire Restriction Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. To avoid confusion to the public, a majority of the Agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they will be initiated for the area. After coming to agreement, each Agency will be responsible for completing the written documentation and initiating the notification procedures required by law to legalize the restrictions within their jurisdiction.

* Idaho Falls District - B.L.M.

* Idaho Department of Lands

* Ft. Hall Indian Reservation B.I.A.

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of impending restrictions and provided maps of restriction areas, reasoning for going into restrictions, present and predicted fire conditions, etc. prior to the information being released publically. Enough information will be provided to them to allow them the ability to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

(Fire Departments):

- * Aberdeen Fire Department
- * Arco Fire Dept.
- * Blackfoot Fire Department
- * Dubois City Fire Dept.
- * Hamer Fire Department
- * I.N.E.E.L. Fire Department
- * Shelley/Firth Fire District
- * North Fremont Fire District

- * American Falls Fire Dept.
- * Atomic City Fire Department
- * Central Fire District
- * Ft. Hall Fire Department
- * Idaho Falls Fire Department
- * Madison County Fire District
- * South Fremont Fire District
- * West Jefferson Fire District

(Law Enforcement Agencies):

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| * Madison County Sheriff Dept. | * Bingham County Sheriff Dept. |
| * Power County Sheriff Dept. | * Butte County sheriff Dept. |
| * Jefferson County Sheriff Dept. | * Bonneville County Sheriff |
| * Idaho State Police | * Clark County Sheriff Dept. |

(State Agencies):

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| * Idaho Parks and Recreation Dept. | * Idaho Transportation Dept. |
| * Bureau of Disaster Services | * Idaho Fish and Game Dept. |

(Other Federal Agencies):

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| * U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | * Bureau of Reclamation |
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MEDIA PLAN:

The Media Plan for Area 8 will be the responsibility of the Idaho Falls District - B.L.M. Public Information Officer. His/Her alternate will be the Targhee/Caribou National Forest Public Information Officer. Objectives of the plan will be to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions, in order to reduce number of human -caused fire starts and the potential threats to lives and property.

Responsibilities:

- * Work with the Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- * Assure that all of the personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, reasoning, etc.
- * Keep well informed on present and predicted fire conditions and what their impacts may be.
- * Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media (radio, print, t.v., etc.)
- * Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact List of the restrictions prior to making the information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction area(s), current and predicted fire conditions, and the exact requirements of the restrictions.
- * Weave the fire restrictions into the overall Prevention Program to optimize effectiveness.
- * Try to develop new and innovative methods of making the public aware of the fire problems and steps to reduce the fire impacts.

FIRE RESTRICTION AREA NUMBER 9

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The Central Idaho Coordination Center Manager will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction in Area No. 9.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to assist in determining when to consider initiating restrictions or removing them. The weather related factors will be taken from RAWS or Manual Weather Stations that best represent the conditions in Restriction Area No. 9.

- ☐ 1,000 hr. Time Lag Fuel Moisture Content is **12% or less.**
- ☐ 3 day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the **90th percentile or above.**
- ☐ Live Fuel Moisture Content is **75% or less.**
- ☐ Fire Danger Rating Adjective Class is at **very high or extreme.**
- ☐ Fires are impacting available suppression forces making **adequate initial attack difficult.**
- ☐ Area receiving **high occurrence of human-caused fire starts** or the risk is predicted to increase.
- ☐ Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are **predicted to continue.**

Stage I:

If at least three of the above conditions are met consider a Stage I restriction.

Stage II:

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage II restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are met.

AREA LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP:

The following Public Land Management Agency Administrators will be advised of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above, for Area No. 9 by the Area Restriction Coordinator. Jointly, they will discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions, timing, and make decisions if these actions are warranted. A majority of the Agencies must agree that the actions are necessary before they are initiated for the area to avoid confusing the public. After coming to agreement, each Agency will complete the written documentation and initiate the notification procedures required by law to legalize the actions within their jurisdiction.

- * Targhee/Caribou National Forest
- * Idaho Falls District - B.L.M.
- * Coeur d'Alene District B.L.M.

- * Salmon/Challis National Forest
- * Idaho Department of Lands

KEY CONTACT LIST:

The following administrative agencies will be notified of impending restrictions, dates, maps of restriction areas, etc. prior to releasing the information to the public. Enough information will be provided to them to accurately answer questions from their local constituents.

(Fire Departments):

- * Arco Fire Department
- * Leadore Fire Department
- * Mackay Fire Department
- * Challis/Custer County Fire Dept.
- * Salmon Fire Department
- * South Custer Fire Dept.
- * Dubois City Fire Department
- * Gibbonsville Fire Dept.
- * Elk River Fire Dept.
- * Lost River Fire District

(Law Enforcement Agencies):

- * Custer County Sheriff Dept.
- * Butte County Sheriff Dept.
- * Clark County Sheriff Dept.
- * Lemhi County Sheriff Dept.
- * Idaho State Police

(State Agencies):

- * Idaho Department of Fish & Game
- * Idaho Transportation Dept.
- * Idaho Parks and Recreation
- * Bureau of Disaster Services

(Other Federal Agencies):

- * Gallatin National Forest
- * Beaverhead National Forest

MEDIA PLAN:

The Media Plan for Area No. 9 will be the responsibility of the Targhee/Caribou National Forest Public Information Officer. His/her alternate will be the Idaho Falls District B.L.M. Public Information Officer. Objectives of the Plan will be to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions, in order to reduce the number of human-caused fire starts and potential threats to lives and property.

Responsibilities:

- * Work with area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions and Prevention Personnel on problem identification to assure an organized approach.
- * Assure that all of the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed of the restrictions, boundaries, etc.
- * Keep well informed on present and predicted fire conditions and what their impacts may be.
- * Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media (radio, t.v., print, etc.)
- * Take all steps possible to assure that the public is informed of the restrictions, boundaries, etc.
- * Inform all agencies listed in the Key Contact List of the restrictions prior to making the information public so they have answers to upcoming questions. Provide them with maps of the restriction areas, current fire behavior conditions and projections, and exact requirements of the restrictions.
- * Weave the fire restrictions into the overall Prevention Program to optimize effectiveness.
- * Try to design new and innovative methods of making the public aware of the fire problems and steps to reduce the fire impacts.

FIRE RESTRICTION AREA NUMBER 10

AREA RESTRICTION COORDINATOR:

The Central Idaho Coordination Center Manager will serve as the Area Restriction Coordinator representing the Public Land Agencies with jurisdiction within Area 10.

FIRE RESTRICTION EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines will be used to determine initiating or rescinding restrictions. When environmental factors or the impact of the commitment of resources to fire suppression (locally, geographically, or nationally) approach the guideline levels for stage I or stage II a fire restriction should be considered for the whole area. Negotiation among the agencies within the area will be based on data taken from RAWS and manual weather stations throughout the restriction area that best represent conditions in Restriction Area 10:

- ☐ 1,000 hr. Time lag Fuel Moisture Content is 12% or less.
- ☐ 3 day mean Energy Release Component (ERC) is at the 90th percentile or above.
- ☐ Live fuel Moisture Content is 75% or less.
- ☐ Fire Danger rating Adjective Class is at very high or extreme.
- ☐ Commitment of resources to local, GACC or National assignment limits adequate initial attack capability.
- ☐ Area is receiving human-caused fire starts or the risk is predicted to increase.
- ☐ Adverse fire weather conditions and risks are predicted to continue.

Stage I:

If at least three of the above conditions are met, consider a Stage I restriction.

Stage II:

Consider initiating a Stage II restriction after a Stage I restriction has been in effect and four or more of the above conditions are met.

Stage I and Stage II Restrictions

There will be two fire restriction stages: Stage I and Stage II. Each agency with a fire restriction area must write its own agency document that authorizes the restrictions within its jurisdiction. Each agency is responsible for using its own format and having their Legal Counsel review the document to assure it is correct and enforceable. To reduce confusion and standardize the restrictions, the following criteria will be used in all restriction documents.

STAGE I

The following acts are prohibited until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire except within a designated recreation site, and/or within an owner-provided fire structure.
2. Smoking, except within a designated recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

EXEMPTIONS:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.
3. Persons using approved fire pans fueled with charcoal briquettes in designated recreation sites on the river corridor.
4. Persons using fully enclosed wood burning stoves equipped with a spark-arresting screen of 1/4 inch mesh hardware cloth.
5. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by a written posted notice.
6. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

STAGE II

The following acts are prohibited until further notice:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire.
2. Smoking, except within a designated recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

EXEMPTIONS:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Persons using a fire fueled solely by liquid petroleum or LPF fuels.
3. Persons using approved fire pans fueled with charcoal briquettes in designated recreation sites on the river corridor.
4. Persons using fully enclosed wood burning stoves equipped with a spark-arresting screen of 1/4 inch mesh hardware cloth.
5. Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
6. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA 10 LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION GROUP

The following Public Land Management Agency Administrators will be advised by their fire managers of present and predicted fire conditions and risks from information listed in the Evaluation Guidelines above during discussion with the Area Restriction Coordinator. Agency administrators, fire managers and the Area Restriction Coordinator will jointly discuss the need for initiating or removing restrictions and the timing of restrictions. The decision group has the flexibility to initiate restrictions as needed based on individual wilderness fire severity conditions. When a majority of the decision group agencies agree that restrictions are necessary, all agencies within Restriction Area 10 agree to initiate coordinated restrictions for the area to avoid confusing the public. The Area Restriction Coordinator will notify the Southern Idaho, Northern Idaho, and Southwest Montana Coordinators of the intention to implement or rescind fire restrictions. After a decision is made to implement or rescind fire restrictions each Agency will complete the written documentation and initiate the notification procedures required by law to legalize the actions within their jurisdictions.

Specifically, the Area Restriction Coordinator will work through the Fire Managers of the agencies and units within the Decision Group. The respective fire managers have the responsibility to brief and work with their Line Officers regarding the conditions and the potential need for restrictions, using the evaluation guidelines as the framework for discussion. The Area Restriction Coordinator will also work closely with the Lead Public Affairs Officer during discussions related to implementing or rescinding fire restrictions for the area.

Decision Group:

- * Salmon-Challis National Forest
- * Payette National Forest
- * Clearwater National Forest

- * Nezperce National Forest
- * Bitterroot National Forest

KEY CONTACT LIST:

Bureau of Land Management

Law Enforcement Agencies

Bitterroot National Forest
Boise National Forest
Nezperce National Forest
Payette National Forest
Salmon-Challis National Forest

Sheriffs Departments

Custer County
Idaho County
Lemhi County
Ravalli County
Valley County

State Agencies

Idaho Department of State Lands
Montana DNR

Idaho Fish and Game
Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks

County Commissioners

Custer County
Idaho County
Lemhi County

Ravalli County
Valley County
Clearwater County

Others

Idaho Outfitters and Guide Association
Montana Outfitters and Guide Association

MEDIA PLAN:

The Salmon-Challis National Forest Public Affairs Officer will take the lead for coordinating information release with The Public Affairs Officers from the other four National Forests. The lead Public Affairs Officer will work closely with the Area Restriction Coordinator and Public Affairs Officers of the other agencies or units within the Decision Group to provide a unified and consistent message. The unit Public Affairs Officers will make the media contacts to the outlets within their spheres of influence. Objectives of the Media Plan are to keep the public and Agency employees informed of present and predicted fire conditions and restrictions in order to reduce the number of human-caused fire starts.

Responsibilities of Lead Public Affairs Officer:

- Work with Area Restriction Coordinator on timing of initiating or rescinding restrictions to assure an organized approach.
- Coordinate with the Public Affairs Officers of all the agencies and units within the decision group.
- Assure that all of the internal personnel of the Land Management Agencies are informed about the restrictions, boundaries, reasons, etc.
- Design a systematic procedure for releasing information to all of the media.
- Ensure that agencies within the Key Contact Group are provided with maps of the restriction area and exact requirements of the restrictions.
- Work with the Public Affairs Officers of the agencies and units within the Decision Group to design new and innovative methods of making the public aware of fire conditions and steps to reduce human-caused fires.